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METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's statement enclosed with the Notice of Allowance of August 9, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's statement enclosed with the Notice of Allowance, on page 2, paragraph 2 states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

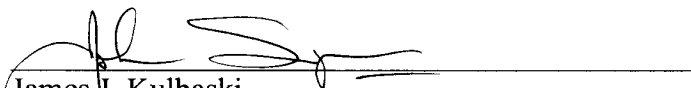
Claims 25-50 appear to be novel and inventive because prior art fails to show or teach the combination of packet communication network/method comprising a parallel network constituted by a plurality of physically or logically independent internal networks and at least one multiplexer that prioritizes a packet received from the voice network over a packet received from other internal networks, the at least one multiplexer being connected to each of the internal networks in the parallel and to the second external network and multiplexing packets received from a plurality of internal networks in the parallel network when outputting a multiplexed packet to the second external network.

Although the above comment appears to be accurate with respect to Claim 25, it is respectfully noted that independent Claim 38 does not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 38 does not include a reference to "at least one multiplexer that

prioritizes a packet received from the voice network over a packet received from other internal networks". Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to Claim 38 to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claim.

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